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In the news

Dog chased girl into bus

A 7-year-old girl is fighting for her life after a dog chased her into the path of an oncoming school bus on Monday. Destiny Louigene was playing with friends in a neighbor's yard in Rosedale, Queens, when a menacing dog chased her onto the street, where she was struck by the bus. **METRO/CB**

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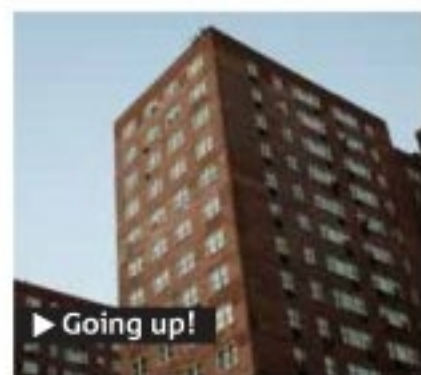
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Rent increase for 1M apartments



▶ Going up!

NEW YORK. The Rent Guidelines Board voted on Monday night to increase the rent on the city's stabilized apartments.

The Board approved a 3.75 percent increase for one-year leases and a 7.25 percent increase for two-year leases, the biggest

rent hike in three years.

Residents protested the hike, rallying at Cooper Union to complain about the increases.

The Board could have chosen an increase anywhere between zero and 10 percent, the latter of which landlords were

hoping for.

There are about 1 million rent-stabilized apartments citywide.

At the rally, both landlords and renters complained, each saying they were carrying too much of the cost burden.

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Evaders beware: NYPD on the hunt

▶ NYPD's gonna getcha if you skip the fare ▶ Strategy: Stop fare beaters before they commit more serious crimes ▶ Port Authority is the worst

Transit police are in the midst of a serious crack-down on fare evasion, Metro has learned, hoping that catching criminals at the turnstiles will curb other crimes.

Tickets at the Marcy Avenue J,M,Z station have more than tripled since last year — and that's only the second worst station for fare evasion, according to citywide summonses numbers.

The most fare evasion occurs at 42nd Street/Port Authority, the NYPD says. Within five minutes of arriving at Marcy Avenue yesterday, Metro spotted two teens jumping the turnstiles.

"I don't pay. Ever," one told Metro. He said he's never been caught.

Grand larceny — theft of property over \$1,000 in value — spiked 30 percent on the subway in May, and one key to combating it is to nab violators at the gate, said NYPD Transit Bureau Chief Raymond Diaz.

"People that don't pay the fare are prone to commit other crimes," said Diaz. "We encounter some very bad people that don't pay for their fare."

So far this year, the NYPD has issued 34,300 summonses for fare evasion and has arrested 11,310 people for the crime, a 6 percent increase since last year.

Other transit experts



▶ A police officer stands guard at the Wall Street 2,3 platform. The majority of subway crimes happen on platforms, Chief Transit Officer Raymond Diaz said.

Worst offenders

Fare evasion most frequently occurs at:

- ▶ 42nd St./Port Authority Marcy Ave: J,M,Z
- ▶ 34th St./Herald Square: B,D
- ▶ Third Ave./149th St.
- ▶ Jay St./Borough Hall: A,C,F

agreed that this "broken windows" tactic has been an effective tool in combatting train crime.

"It's been a fruitful approach for them," said Gene Russianoff of the Straphangers Campaign. "Coming across a crime being committed is challenging. They can't be every-

where at once."

The prevalence of expensive electronics, like iPads and iPhones, has caused the increase in subterranean thievery, he said. "It's like we're back in the 1980s," said Russianoff.



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▶ The water's fine.

Pool time in the city

NEW YORK. It must really be summer: All 54 outdoor pools in the city will open to the public today for the first day of the summer swim season. The city's public swimming pools will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week and will close on Labor Day, Sept. 5.

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Teen killed on last day

STATEN ISLAND. A 13-year-old girl was struck and killed by a tractor trailer just after 12 p.m. yesterday as she was trying to cross the intersection of South Avenue and Goethals Road in Staten Island, police report. Aniya Williams was on her way home from her last day of school for the year when she was struck. The driver of the tractor trailer remained on the scene and was not charged with anything. The girl was taken to Richmond University Hospital in very serious condition, where she died. **METRO/CB**

Glenn Beck: I was teased

BRYANT PARK. Glenn Beck said he and his family were harassed when they tried to watch Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps" Monday night in Bryant Park. Beck said someone intentionally kicked wine on his wife's back and a man yelled "We hate conservatives here!" "It was a hostile situation," said Beck.

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Crackdown on sidewalk 'chica' cards

► Cards for prostitutes traded 'like baseball cards' ► Parents complain that kids see them on way to school

Images of naked women will soon no longer stare up from the sidewalk at passers-by.

"Chica" cards, which advertise prostitutes on palm-sized fliers, have littered the streets in Queens for years.

And up until now the cards weren't illegal. Last week, Albany passed legislation that would make it a misdemeanor to hand out the cards, with a punishment of up to one year in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo could sign the bill into law as early as this week.

"I take the subway every day, and I get handed these cards," said Assemblyman Francisco Moya, who sponsored the bill.

Kids swap them "like baseball cards," state Sen. Jose Peralta told Metro.

Pimps are now trying to duck the proposed law by putting vegetables in place of women on the cards, but the similar fonts and telltale "free delivery" mark

Quality of life complaint

QUEENS. Peralta said the law is not meant to end prostitution, but correct a "quality-of-life" issue of pornographic images littering the street. "It's a good first step in reducing the lewd, graphic cards that have been distributed on Roosevelt Avenue," he said. ● METRO/AB

them as advertising sex — not veggies.

Cinthya Simisterra, 22, a student, said the cards are constantly on the street corners of Corona, where she works.

"Everybody who lives here in Corona has seen those cards," she said. "They're just left there on the floor. It's disgusting, because you know that there are kids there."

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► One of the many "chica" cards that litter Queens streets.

NYPD accuser wants stage

MANHATTAN. The woman who accused two ex-New York City cops of raping her while she was falling-down drunk — both men were acquitted — has asked to speak at their sentencing.

Franklin Mata and Kenneth Moreno were found guilty of official misconduct, which got them kicked off the police force. Their sentencing was pushed back to Aug. 8, it was announced yesterday, because their attorney, Joseph Tacopina, filed a motion to vacate their conviction. The two ex-cops face up to two years in prison for the official misconduct charge.

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Hate crime charges for BK man

MILL BASIN. A Brooklyn man was charged with a hate crime after he allegedly attacked his neighbors, calling them "Arab terrorists."

Police said that Simchon Schwartz, a Hasidic Jew, attacked his neighbor, Selda

Turan, 27, pushing her against a car and pouring beer all over her. When her husband, Mustafa Turan, came to help her, Schwartz punched him in the face, officials said. Schwartz's attorney said his client was attacked first.

Police found Schwartz hiding in a synagogue on nearby East 69th Street after the alleged attack.

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Beer pong lawsuit

RICHMOND COUNTY. A Staten Island firefighter whose



► A dangerous pastime?

nose was broken in a fight after beer pong can sue the bar that hosted the game, a court ruled.

A judge ruled that Thomas Venito can sue KJ's Ale House, charging that they should have provided more security than one bartender while hosting the drinking game. A fight erupted during beer pong, and Venito was beaten. ● METRO/AB

Brooklyn mom sues frat house

► Alleges that fraternity brothers kidnapped son and left him to die
► She says he was forced to drink



► George Desdunes, 19, was killed when his fraternity brothers forced him to drink, his mother alleges.

A Brooklyn mother filed a \$25 million lawsuit against a Cornell University fraternity, charging that its members killed her son, George Desdunes, during a

hazing ritual in February by forcing him to drink and tying him up.

Marie Lourdes Andre filed the lawsuit Monday in Brooklyn Supreme Court. She said that members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon kidnapped her 19-year-old son, bound him with plastic ties and forced him to drink so much that his blood-alcohol level was five times the legal driving limit.

He was then left on a couch to die, according to the lawsuit. The suit also alleges that one fraternity brother tried to remove the ties to cover up the hazing when Desdunes was found unresponsive.

The chapter was suspended by its national headquarters, and Cornell withdrew its recognition of the fraternity.

Already a member of frat

NEW YORK. Desdunes was already a full-fledged member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, according to reports, but was still abducted and quizzed on his fraternity knowledge, because members must know as much as new pledges, according to the suit. If he got a question wrong, he was made to drink, while blindfolded and tied up. ● METRO/AB

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Man killed when tree crushes tent

► Recreation horror: Tree falls on family while camping ► Father killed instantly in freak accident

A man camping with his family was killed — and his wife injured — when a sycamore tree weighing several thousand pounds crashed onto their tent in a New Jersey campground early yesterday morning, authorities said.

The couple, from Somerset County, New Jersey, were camping with their 10-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter, along with a 9-year-old nephew, when the freak accident occurred around 6 a.m.

The woman, 42, was extricated and flown to a Trenton hospital, where her condition was upgraded from critical to guarded, said New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection spokeswoman Abbie Tang-Smith.

The man, 46, died at the scene.

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None of the children sustained injuries. Tang-Smith said the family had a single tent at the site, but did not know whether the children had slept inside.

The family had been camping at the Bull's Island Campground at Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park in Hunterdon County, near the Delaware Water Gap recreation area.

Tang-Smith said there was no extreme weather reported in the area at the time, and the cause was under investigation. The area near the campsite had been closed, but the campground remained open, she said. **REUTERS**

Time Square. Stunt



► Raymond Velasquez refused to come down from a 20-foot traffic light yesterday.

Aspiring rapper: 'Come and get me'

That's one way to get publicity. A man shut down Times Square for two hours yesterday morning after he climbed on top of a 20-foot traffic light. Raymond Velasquez, 34, of Brooklyn, climbed the pole at about 9:30 a.m., according to reports, and he refused to come down even after cops were called to the scene. Velasquez, an aspiring rapper, did it to get attention and promote his music, according to stunned onlookers. **METRO/CB**

City streets are going car-free for August

MANHATTAN. "Summer Streets" are returning to the city. The Department of Transportation announced yesterday that traffic-free streets will come to Manhattan on three Saturdays in August — Aug. 6, 13 and 20.

Seven miles of city streets, from the Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park, will be car-free on those days from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The DOT will host bike and skate rentals, as well as a climbing wall, on the streets. Free classes, from dance to yoga, will be available; New Yorkers can bike, rollerblade and walk anywhere along the route. Chipotle will also host a guacamole-making station, and employees from the Union Square Greenmarket will show participants how to cook. **METRO/AB**

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Patients stand up for drug

SILVER SPRING. Breast cancer patients testified that Roche Holding's Avastin saved their lives as U.S. health officials consider whether the world's best-selling cancer drug should still be approved for that condition.



Patient testimony began the rare two-day meeting to hear Roche's appeal of the Food and Drug Administration's proposal in December to remove the breast cancer indication for Avastin.

"We cannot permit sponsors to evergreen approval of a drug that has not been shown to be safe and effective," said Dr. John Jenkins of the FDA. **REUTERS**

Woman sues retailer over headscarf

SAN FRANCISCO. A Muslim woman alleged in a lawsuit filed this week that U.S. retailer Abercrombie & Fitch forbade her from wearing her head scarf while working at a northern California clothing store owned

by the company.

Hani Khan filed her federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, with support from the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center. The suit accuses Abercrombie of violating Khan's civil rights by discriminating against her on the basis of religion.

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Search Plus: You got your Facebook in my Google!



Alexandra Kenine - Jun 13, 2011 - Limited

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▶ The new Google Plus shares some features with Facebook.

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Search leader tries one more time to get into the social network biz

Google, frustrated by a string of failed attempts to crack social networking, is taking another stab at fending off Facebook and other hot social sites with a new service called Google Plus.

Google designed the service, unveiled yesterday, to tie together all of its online properties, laying the foundation for a full-fledged social network. It is the company's biggest foray into social networking since co-founder Larry Page took over as chief executive in April.

Page has made social networking a top priority at the world's No. 1 Internet search engine, whose position as the main gate-

way to online information could be at risk as people spend more time on sites like Facebook and Twitter.

To set its service apart from Facebook, which has more than 500 million users, Google is betting on what it says is a better approach to privacy, a hot-button issue that has burned Facebook, as well as Google, in the past.

Central to Google Plus are so-called "circles" of friends and acquaintances. Users can organize contacts into different customized circles — family members, co-workers, etc — and share photos, videos or other information only within those groups. **REUTERS**



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Murdoch unloading Myspace

NEW YORK. News Corp. is expected to sell the troubled social-media site Myspace in the next two days, according to a source.

The deal is likely to be a mix of cash and stock for less than \$100 million. More than 50 percent of Myspace's 500-strong workforce is expected to be laid off because of the sale.

The deal is expected to be sealed on the heels of the Sun Valley conference.

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Bombers attack top hotel in Afghan capital

Suicide bombers attacked a major hotel frequented by Westerners in Afghanistan's capital late yesterday, with four blasts and bursts of gunfire heard after an attack claimed by the Taliban, police and Reuters witnesses said.

There was no immediate information about the casualties.

The attack at the Intercontinental Hotel, one of Kabul's two main hotels, came the night before a conference about the gradual transition of civil and military responsibility from foreign forces to Afghans was about to begin.

The hotel was not one of the venues to be used by the conference or its delegates, an Afghan gov-

Transition

The increase in violence comes as NATO-led forces prepare to hand security responsibility to Afghans in seven areas from next month, at the start of a gradual transition process that will end with all foreign troops leaving Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

ernment official said.

One blast was heard at the start of the attack — and then three more at least an hour later, one of the Reuters witnesses said. Bursts of gunfire were heard over the same period and flares lit up the sky over the hotel.

REUTERS

At IMF, less M, more F

French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde yesterday clinched the top job at the IMF, keeping the international lender in the hands of a European at a time of growing concern over a possible Greek debt default.

Lagarde will become the first woman to head

the International Monetary Fund when her five-year term as managing director begins on July 5. She will find herself immediately immersed in efforts by the IMF and European Union to head off a Greek default that could touch off an international crisis.



Lagarde

"The executive board, after considering all relevant information on the candidacies, proceeded to select Ms. Lagarde by consensus," the IMF said in a

statement.

REUTERS

Consumers still gloomy

NEW YORK. The plunge in U.S. home prices showed signs of leveling off in April, but worries about unemployment pushed consumer confidence to a seven-month low in June.

House prices were helped by the start of the spring selling season, data

showed yesterday.

Nonetheless, economists warned prices will likely crawl along at low levels as a large number of homes, many of them at bargain prices, come up for sale.

"The degree of hemorrhaging seems to be slowing," said Anthony Chan, chief economist at JPMorgan Private Wealth Management in New York.

REUTERS



► Flames from the Las Conchas fire burn in the hills above Los Alamos National Laboratory, a nuclear facility.

NM races to protect nuke lab from fire

► Los Alamos National Laboratory under threat from wildfires ► Blaze could double or triple in size ► Air quality being monitored for radiation

New Mexico officials raced yesterday to bring in more fire crews and equipment, including radiation monitors, as an out-of-control wildfire raged near the pre-eminent U.S. nuclear weapons laboratory.

Firefighters managed to keep flames off Los Alamos National Laboratory property throughout the night on Monday as the blaze continued to grow, reaching 60,741 acres, said Lawrence Lujan, a spokesman for the Santa Fe National Forest.

Importance

Los Alamos National Laboratory was established at the end of World War II to house the top-secret Manhattan Project to build the first atomic bomb. It still serves as home to the nation's largest nuclear weapons cache.

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The laboratory will remain closed today due to fire danger, lab spokesman Kevin Roark told Reuters.

Fire officials said the so-called Las Conchas blaze had the potential to double or triple in size. Several towns are under mandatory evacuation, including the nearby city of Los Alamos, with a population of around 12,000.

Los Alamos lab officials called in teams late Monday to monitor its air quality, including a broad spec-

trum of radiation, and have high-volume air samplers ready to deploy.

Roark said that no lab facilities faced immediate threat and all radioactive and hazardous materials were accounted for and protected. The closest call was when Monday's spot fire burned an area called TA 49, which has been headquarters of the lab's bomb squad and training facilities for its hazardous materials response team. The fire was quickly put out. REUTERS



► Pawlenty

Pawlenty criticizes Obama

Republican presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty accused President Barack Obama yesterday of a timid and incoherent response to the "Arab Spring" uprisings against autocratic rulers across the Middle East and North Africa.

"From Morocco to the Arabian Gulf, the escape from the dead hand of oppression is now a real possibility. Now is not the time to retreat from freedom's rise," Pawlenty said in what was billed as a major foreign policy address.

The former Minnesota governor, seeking to gain ground in the race for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination, said Obama had failed to carry out an "effective and coherent strategy" in response to the Arab Spring uprisings. REUTERS

July 4 reveals state of US dependence

Staying home?

More Americans are planning to celebrate Independence Day this year at home or close to it, a new travel forecast shows.

Some 39 million people are expected to travel 50 miles or more from their homes this year, down 2.5 percent from the 2010, according to projections from AAA, driven in part by recent increases in the cost of gas. Nearly half of those consumers surveyed by the AAA said higher gas prices would affect their travel plans, with about a third saying they intended to travel shorter distances. **MAINSTREET.COM**

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Patriotic souvenirs are big business in the U.S., with domestic manufacturers shipping about \$300 million worth of flags, banners and the like each year. But according to the U.S. Census Bureau, not all Independence Day souvenirs are homemade.

In 2010, the U.S. imported \$3.2 million worth of American flags, the vast majority of which were manufactured in China, the bureau found. By com-

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parison, we exported less than \$500,000 worth of flags, most of which were shipped to Mexico.

Perhaps it should come as little surprise that we would import more American flags than we'd export, since other countries probably are more interested in buying their own flags, rather than ours, but do

we as a country really need to rely on China to manufacture millions of dollars worth of flags each year?

American flags aren't the only popular Fourth of July product commonly manufactured in China. We also imported nearly \$200 million worth of fireworks from China in 2010, just shy of the \$231 million worth of fireworks that were produced and shipped domestically.

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) [dorothy.robinson@metro.us](#)

Cook plans to tune in to 'The X Factor'

David Cook, winner of the seventh season of "American Idol," knows who buttered his bread back in 2008.

"I might tune in — [show] a little old-school support," he said when we asked him if he'll be supporting his past judges, **Paula Abdul** and **Simon Cow-**

ell, in their new venture, "The X Factor." "I think Simon and Paula both were a huge part of the 'Idol' process for me; Paula was a big champion of mine, so I'm sure I will support."

But does Cook, who was celebrating the release of his second album, "This Loud Morning," at The

Paramount Hotel yesterday in New York, think the popularity of "The Voice" might take away some of the audience for "The X Factor"? "I think it's great because I feel like those are just more avenues to find new talent," he told us, ever the diplomat. "I think it's a win-win for everybody."

However, he later admitted that although he owes his newfound fame and fortune to a televised singing competition, it doesn't necessarily mean they're always on his must-see list.

"The thing is, I actually haven't watched 'The Voice,' so I don't even know the format, I just know there's four left," he says. "I don't know how they got there."

A Cook-out for Fourth of July?

"You know, unless a show pops up, I'll probably just get lost in a bottle of beer and watch the fireworks. If I could sneak home, I might go catch up with family, but [since] I live in L.A., I'll probably just hang there with my pup and brother. I have a Scottish terrier."



David Cook celebrated the release of his new album, "This Loud Morning," at the Paramount Hotel yesterday.

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Beyonce: Waiting on the babies

Beyonce admits that when it comes to starting a family, she may have to eat her own words. "I always said I would have a baby at 30," the singer, who turns 30 in September, tells **Piers Morgan**. "But," she added, "I also said I was

going to retire at 30." Far from retiring, she has a new album out and she also says her marriage to **Jay-Z** is just fine. "Jay and I have made a decision that we want to be known for our music and not our relationships or scandals," she says. That's such a sane thing to say, I can't believe I'm devoting column space to it.



Beyonce

Aniston dishes out the advice

With so much attention on her love life, it's no surprise **Jennifer Aniston** also gets asked for relationship advice.

"You need to talk to each other and you have to say what you want. You don't confront your man about things which you're not happy about,

you approach it in a much more constructive way," she tells **OK!** magazine. "You never want to be in an adversarial situation where it's you versus him."

Funny. You'd think her first piece of relationship advice would be to make sure your foxy husband doesn't decide to co-star next to **Angelina Jolie**.

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Talking points

Shia LaBeouf understands

Shia LaBeouf admits he doesn't have the best public image in Hollywood, but he just can't help being himself, the "Transformers" star tells **Details** magazine. "I would like to be **George Clooney** — diplomatic. I just don't have the where-withal yet or the inner serenity," he says. "My bulls— meter is tuned very sensitive. The minute

it starts kicking up, I get back to truth, and sometimes that involves, you know, 'I don't want to take a picture.' And if that's the case, am I an a—hole for being honest? Or am I an a—hole for being dishonest, smiling in your picture and I f—ing hate being there? Which one is worse? These are the questions I ask myself that **George Clooney** doesn't ask."

Olivia and Jake?

Olivia Wilde has caught the eye of another of



LaBeouf

Hollywood's most eligible bachelors. The "House" star was reportedly acting very "touchy-feely" with **Jake Gyllenhaal** during a recent night out at the Chateau Marmont, sources tell **People** maga-



Wilde

zine. "At one point, he had his hand on hers," a source says. "Olivia was very cool and wasn't fawning over Jake but seemed to like the attention he was giving her." The two left separately.

Now just 'One and a Half Men'

It looks like **Charlie Sheen** and "Two and a Half Men" are done for good, as the show's writers are planning to kill Sheen's character off to prevent him from ever returning to the show, according to **TMZ**. While the script hasn't been finalized, sources say one option involves Sheen's character driving his car off of a cliff. Meanwhile, sources close to Sheen tell **Radar Online** that the actor has signed a deal with **TBS**, although **TBS** has denied any reports of a deal.

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Russell Brand is enjoying his latest accolade, **Helen Hunt** is seeing signs and **Jonah Hill** is over-thinking reality television.

► **@rustyrocks**
Thanks for voting me PETA's sexiest vegetarian now no one will be sure what I mean when I offer them a nut roast.

► **@HelenHunt**
I had 1 hour of free time today. Wasn't sure if I shd surf or write. I surfed and saw a ballpoint pen floating in the water. SWEAR TO GOD.

► **@JonahHill**
Bruce Jenner is the least famous of the Kardashians but the irony is that he is the only one with a talent of any kind that deserves fame.



Helen Hunt



These stars got a case of the Mondays

1: She's got legs: Actress Penélope Cruz posed for photographers with her star during the opening of the Walk of Fame on Monday in Madrid, Spain.

2: Even Smurfs love Vuitton, it seems. Harper's Bazaar shot Smurfette, star of the upcoming "The Smurfs" film, for a fashion spread for the mag's August issue. She models Marc Jacobs, Lanvin, Dolce & Gabbana and Vuitton.

3: Way to terrify the Brazilians, Jim Carrey. The actor showed off his famous rubber face at a press conference for "Mr. Popper's Penguins" in Rio de Janeiro on Monday.

4: The usually blond Anna Faris (now with short, brown hair) was spotted en route to "The Dictator" movie set on Monday in New York City.

5: Chris Colfer popped up at the Beyoncé concert on Monday in London. Gwyneth Paltrow, Adele, Jay-Z and Tom Ford were also in attendance.

6: Actress Julia Roberts displayed that famous grin at the premiere of "Larry Crowne" Monday night in Hollywood.

7: Jennifer Aniston was snapped leaving the "Daily Show With Jon Stewart" on, yes, Monday in New York City.

8: Kim Kardashian wore a Roberto Cavalli animal-print jumpsuit while wedding-dress shopping with Vera Wang in New York City (you guess which day).

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► "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" is in theaters today.

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It's exactly what meets the eye

► 'Transformers: Dark of the Moon' corrects past mistakes and takes the audience on an epic, wild ride

The lesson of the success of "X-Men: First Class" and "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" might be that in order to get an audience interested, you can't be afraid to rewrite history.

As "X-Men" revamped

the Cuban Missile Crisis to suit its needs, "Transformers" put a new spin on the space race of the 1960s, proposing that it was the crash of an Autobot spaceship on the moon that inspired the U.S. to develop its NASA program.

From there we meet up with Sam Witwicky in modern times (Shia LaBeouf), who after getting an Ivy League education, has moved in with his new girlfriend Carly (Rosie Huntington-Whiteley). Megan Fox's character is dismissed in one line of dialogue.

What follows is a pretty tight sequence of events with the exception of the battles, which can be tediously long.

But Michael Bay has heard your pleas fans. When the robots clash, it's much easier to understand the physics of what's happening, even if at times,

If you go

'Transformers: Dark of the Moon'

Director: Michael Bay

Cast: Shia LaBeouf, Rosie Huntington-Whiteley

Rating: PG-13

Grade: **B+**

they all still look like the innards of a garbage disposal making out with a can opener.

While the plot doesn't require much heavy lifting (and would you really expect it to?), the comic moments always come off as they're intended to. Overall, this third edition makes for an improvement on the last's failures. You know what you're going to get, and that's never been a bad thing for most movie-goers.

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TV watch list



► Contestants try to find "Love in the Wild."

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Protecting your skin this summer

- ▶ You don't have to be at the beach to get sun damage
- ▶ What to know before purchasing your next tube

Now that the sun is shining, we plan to spend as much time as possible outdoors. Dr. Kenneth Mark, a skin cancer surgeon and assistant professor of dermatology at New York University (he's got practices in NYC and the Hamptons), breaks down the new FDA regulations on sunscreen and tells us what we need to know to frolic under the sun stress-free.

The new FDA regulations state sunscreens should protect against both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays.



Until recently, most chemicals in sunscreen did not protect against UVA rays (unless it contained a physical blocker such as zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, which protects against both UVA and UVB rays), and SPF only refers to UVB protection. UVB rays cause sunburn; however, UVA rays penetrate the skin deeper and cause more skin cancer and aging from the sun.

What happens to skin if you don't use sunscreen? When you don't use sunscreen, you can get blotchy pigment (brown sun spots). The skin also thins, so

blood vessels show through and cause redness. Besides that, collagen breaks down and you get wrinkles, and of course pre-cancerous rough spots and ultimately skin cancers — all bad stuff! **How often should you apply?** When in the sun directly (at the beach, outside) apply sunscreen at least every two hours. If you are sweating or swimming, reapply every 30 minutes after significant water exposure. When you are in and out of the sun, apply your sunscreen two or three times throughout the day.

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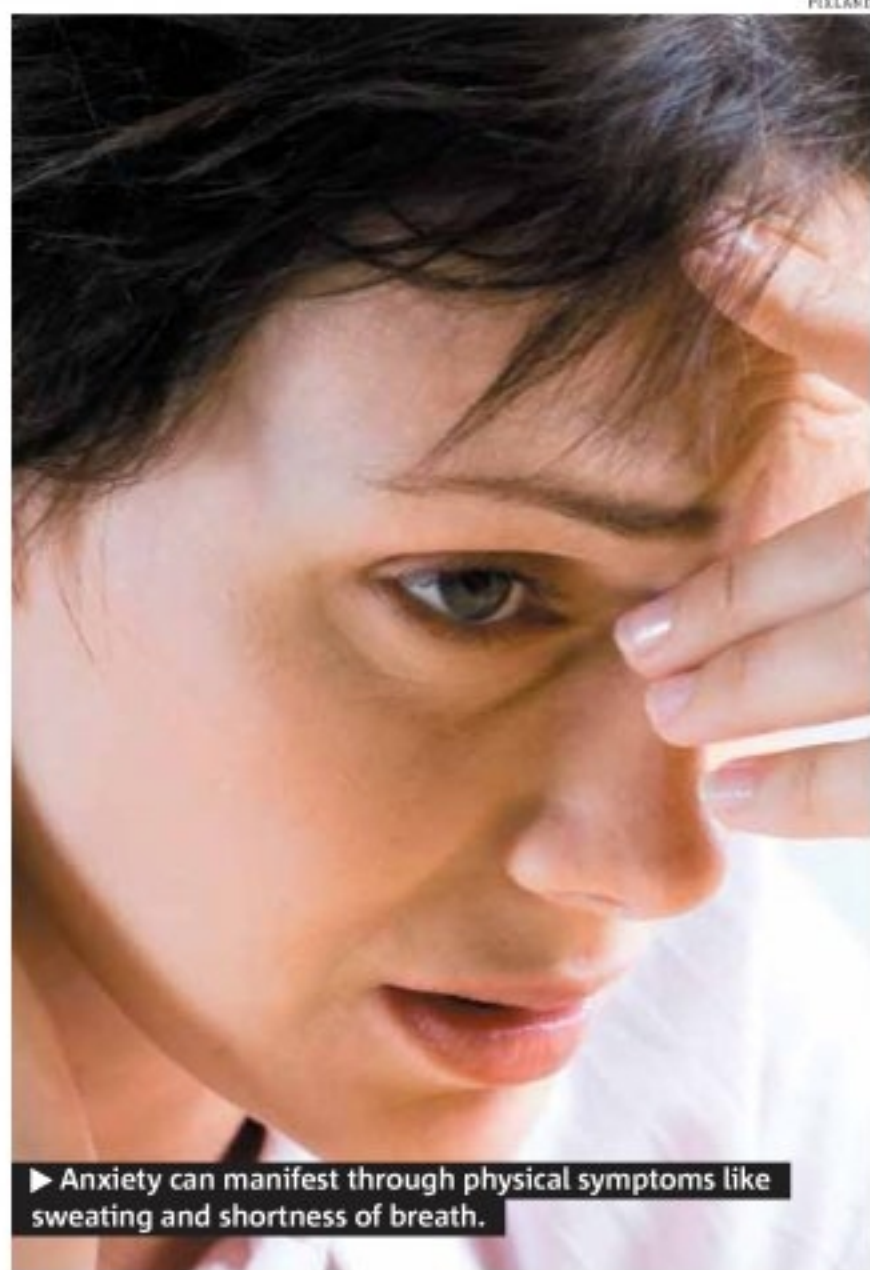
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Helping to shed the stigma of anxiety



► Anxiety can manifest through physical symptoms like sweating and shortness of breath.

► It's more common than you think ► 'Any anxiety should be addressed and treated,' expert says
► If you're struggling, don't be afraid to ask for help

Sweating, shaking, palpitations, shortness of breath and even vomiting are common symptoms of an anxiety disorder. Yet, Manhattan-based psychologist and therapist Dr. Jeff Gardere says that anxiety itself isn't the problem.

"Anxiety is a natural part of life," Dr. Gardere tells Metro. "The problem is when we are unable to pinpoint the causes and deal with that. When anxiety becomes so constant it starts to affect us physically, then we see real problems in our lives." Those problems can include fatigue, high blood pressure, difficulty in concentrating, irritability or sleep and appetite disturbances.

"People often hide their anxiety and don't deal with it until it becomes chronic. Any anxiety should be ad-

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dressed and treated," he adds. "There are antianxiety medications and cognitive restructuring therapy. Cognitive behavior therapy helps people move past the mental attitude [that causes the anxiety] and flips the script to something that

empowers you."

Some deep-rooted problems might not be immediately apparent, which is when long-term therapy is useful "to work through the underlying issues," says Gardere.

"Anything that promotes relaxation, such as deep breathing techniques and mental imagery, [is helpful]," he adds.

The first thing that people suffering with anxiety should realize is that they are not alone — it's something most people experience at some time in their life. For instance, Gardere recently went back to school and one class was so difficult for him that on several occasions he vomited beforehand. "If it happened to me, a shrink who treats people for this," he laughs, "it can happen to anyone."

First-person

Living with anxiety

One reader shares her story: "I have a great job, wonderful friends, an amazing boyfriend — and an anxiety disorder. Over recent years, my worrying became out of control, and I definitely experienced the physical symptoms you read about (stomach pains, inability to focus, insomnia). About a year ago, I started taking an antidepressant; and although it's not a cure-all, it has helped me tremendously. I no longer think obsessively like I used to, and my physical pains have disappeared. Now, I couple my medication with weekly therapy sessions and am really getting to the root of what has caused my anxiety. If you're struggling, I would tell you that there are people out there who understand what you're going through and can help you through it — and to not be ashamed of asking for help."

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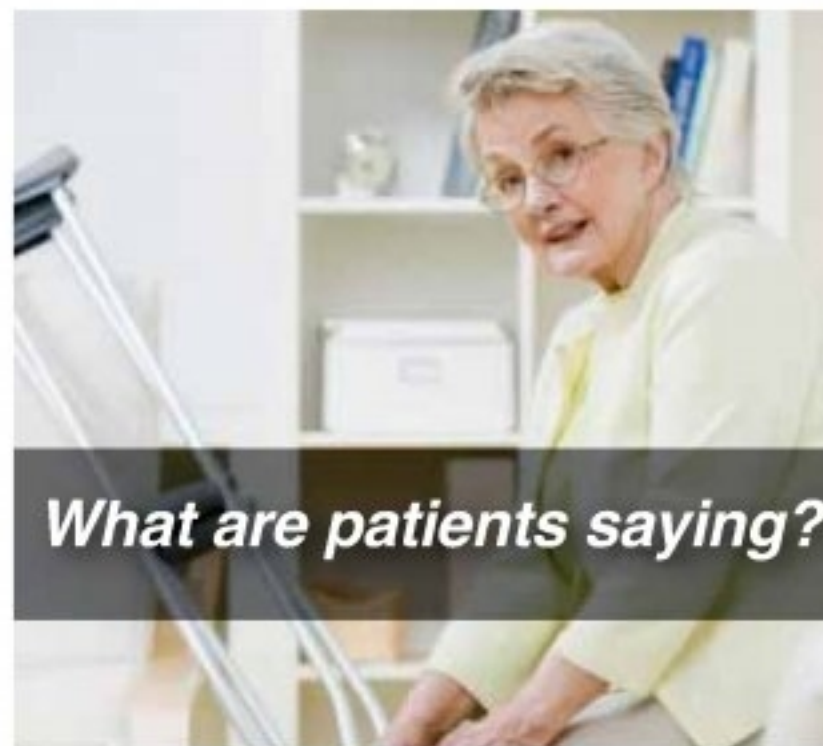
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When will I feel results?

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"When I first went into the clinic I had a great deal of pain in my left knee. I had to give up tennis and bowling. Also, I had a difficult time walking and traversing stairs. Since my treatment, I am able to get back to tennis. Walking and stairs are pain free! My sincerest thanks to all of you for making my visits very pleasant!"

—Lorraine Ganz

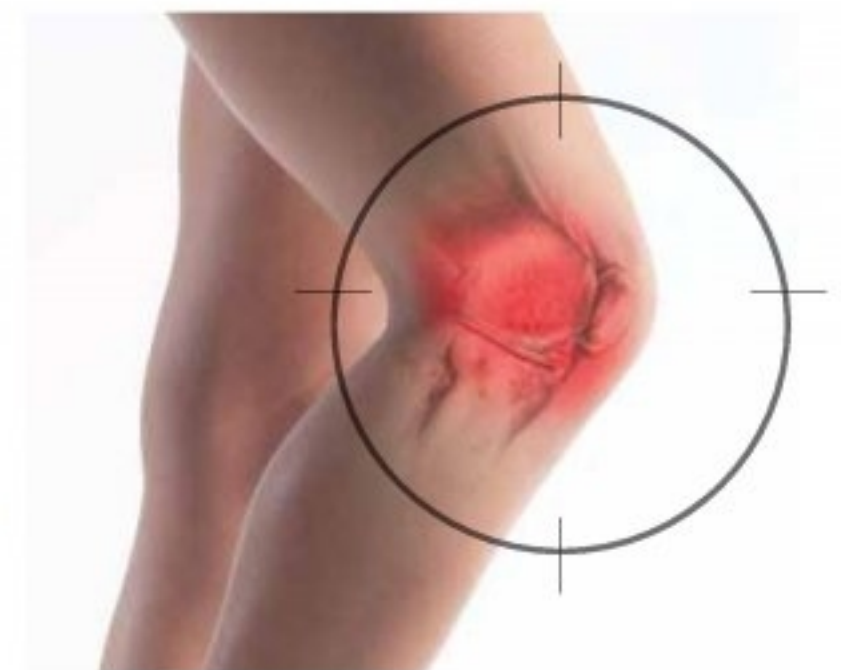
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Expert advice

Here are five examples of what foreplay can (and should) be:

1 Slowing down time, cultivating the senses and setting a sex-conducive scene — think music, wine, a bubble bath, Chinese take-out on the best china — and yes, candles.

2 Sharing a kinky secret over dinner (e.g., Did I ever tell you how much it turns me on when ...)

3 Giving a gift that makes you both blush.

4 Sending a text message at noon with explicit instructions for that evening (e.g., be home @ 7, be showered & naked on bed & I will [insert your own dirty promise].)

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A tip about seduction

Making and keeping sex special is not impossible, as long as you make time for seduction and accept that it won't always come naturally. But just because something takes a bit of

effort doesn't mean it's out of place in the bedroom. If seduction feels "silly," then it's probably because you're not doing it often enough. In the beginning, you yearn and you're driven to seduce; later, you seduce so that you can yearn again. At first, you seduce

in order to entice someone into your bedroom; later, you seduce to remind that person why he or she is there. You'd be a fool to take someone's presence in your bed for granted — seduce deliberately and with good intentions, and you'll show that you don't.



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Diet changes and long-term weight gain

Study subjects: 120,877 healthy women and men not obese at baseline

Location of study: U.S.

Results: The New England Journal Of Medicine reports that a Harvard University study found that a "4-year weight change was most strongly associated with the intake of potato chips (1.69 lb), potatoes (1.28 lb), sugar-sweetened beverages (1.00 lb), unprocessed red meats (0.95 lb) and processed meats (0.93 lb)."

Significance: "Specific dietary and lifestyle behaviors may affect the success of the straight-forward-sounding strategy 'eat less and exercise more' for preventing long-term weight gain," NEJM concluded.



► She wouldn't be smiling if she knew what that burger was doing to her body.

TV fast-food ads, childhood obesity

Study subjects: Children

Location of study: U.S.

Results: The Los Angeles Times reports that the American Academy of Pediatrics' Council on Communications and Media "cites several studies (and the success of the \$4.2 billion spent to market and advertise fast food) establishing

that TV ads prime children to prefer and request high-fat and high-sugar foods and points to the fact that poor snacking habits while watching TV may contribute to weight gain."

Significance: "TV advertisements for sugary and fatty foods are playing a role in childhood obesity and ought to be taken off the air," the Times quoted "a leading group of pediatricians" as saying.

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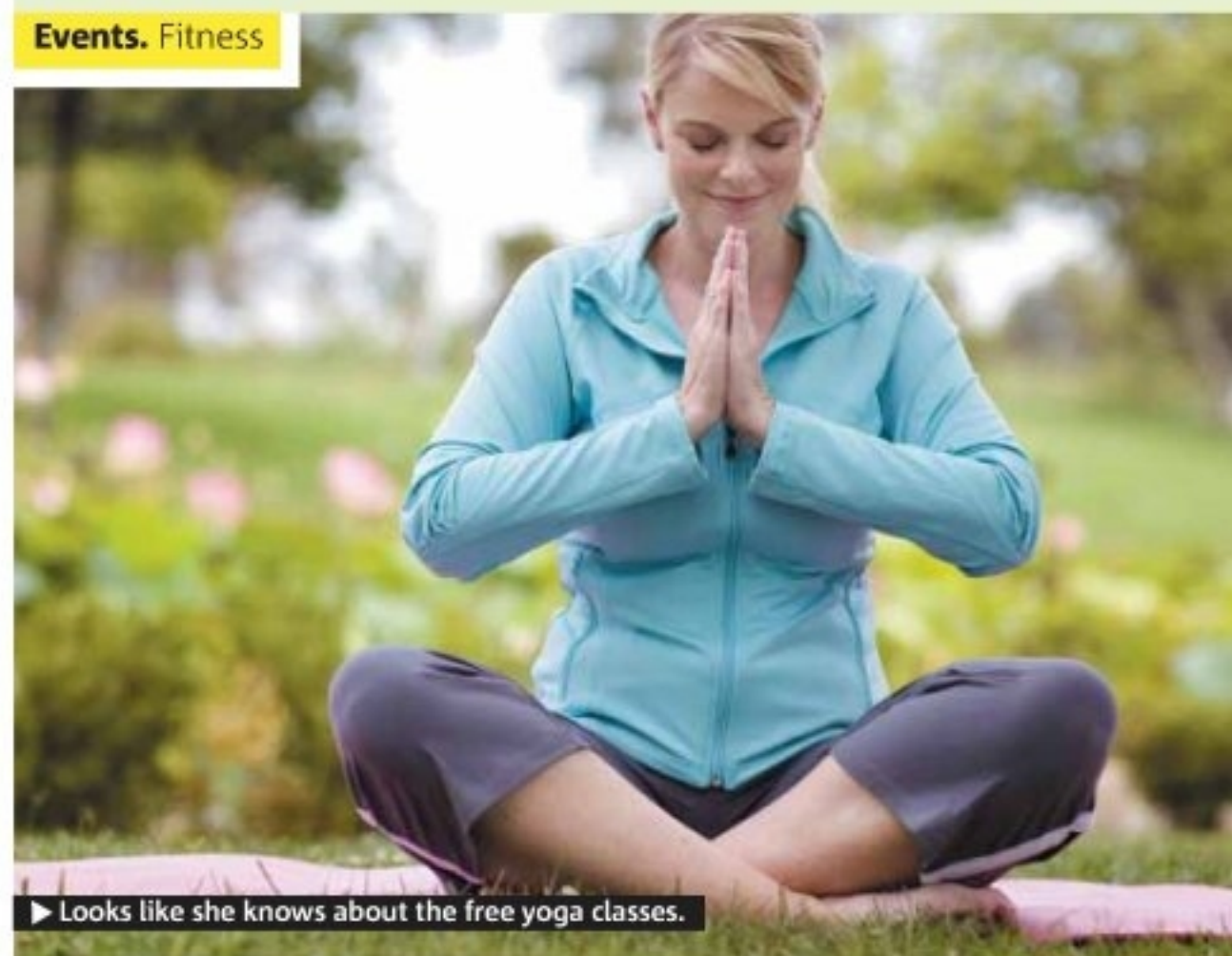
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Pros, cons of gay marriage

Here's the reality of the vote that took place in New York state over marriage that most people in the more liberal side of the press have not talked about: Of 50 states, there are 41 that have laws on the books outlawing same-sex marriage. The vote in New York is hardly a victory for that minority; it actually shows just how bizarre their position is. No law by any government will change our faith, no matter how much money is thrown at it or who votes what.

JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL

So New York's Gov. Cuomo has signed into law the legalization of gay marriage. I agree with that, but call it a civil union, partnership, cohabitation, etc. — anything but "marriage." It's blasphemous, a gross distortion, sacrilegious and an affront to all who were brought up with the basic understanding that traditional marriage is a union between a man and a woman. And that is that!

HERB STARK, MASSAPEQUA

State Sen. Ruben Diaz thinks doomsday is upon us all due to gays allowed legally to marry? He should consider that

doomsday more easily will be brought by nuclear weapons in Iran or Japan nuclear plants, or the rains in South Dakota or every imaginable natural or man-made disaster — virtually anything except two people who want to get married. The pursuit of happiness is a right, and all men and women are equal.

ANA MARTINEZ, NEW YORK

What's wrong with a career?

RE: "POLITICS SHOULD NOT BE A CAREER": I read yet another letter disparaging "career politicians." The

letter failed to address, however, the way in which "amateur politicians," who have yet to learn their way around, can easily be manipulated and bought by corporate-funded lobbyists. In every other phase of our lives, we accept careerism as a virtue (law, medicine, carpentry, auto repair, etc). Why is careerism suddenly an evil thing when it comes to the politicians whom we elect to govern us? JON MELICK, VIA E-MAIL

And she wants to lead us ...

So Michelle Bachman wants to eliminate the minimum wage? We need to get these kind of people out of our political system. They are dangerous to all of us!

BARBARA TARVYDAS, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. It behooves you to keep a low profile. You'll attract far more attention when you don't call it to yourself.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Associating with persons who have a purpose in life, not those who are merely drifting, will make you feel more secure about your affairs in general. Hang with those who are going places.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Use your mental prowess to meet and overcome any obstacles you encounter. Considerable personal satisfaction can be derived from untangling knotty situations.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. It normally isn't too smart to offer unsolicited advice to others. Yet if you can clearly see the answer to a problem that another is encountering, speak up and offer what you can.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Don't let another hurry you into making purchase beyond your chosen pace of consideration. Be cautious, firm and patient in all of your commercial dealings, regardless of the urgency.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If you have to make a decision regarding something where your options appear to be of equal value, keep in mind a similar method that you

found success with previously.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Better communications can be established if you work on it a bit. Try to resolve any misunderstandings you've had with frequent associates.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. A recreational break could provide a healthy valve for preventing tension buildup in your body and mind. Allocate as much time as you can for doing nothing but fun activities.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Several matters you've been trying to resolve can be concluded to your satisfaction if you simply deal with them one at a time.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. There isn't likely to be too much that will escape your attention. You're curious, alert and receptive to life itself, and eager to both acquire and impart knowledge about most everything.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Just in case you have to improvise while under fire, it will be important to keep your wits about you at all times concerning anything financial.

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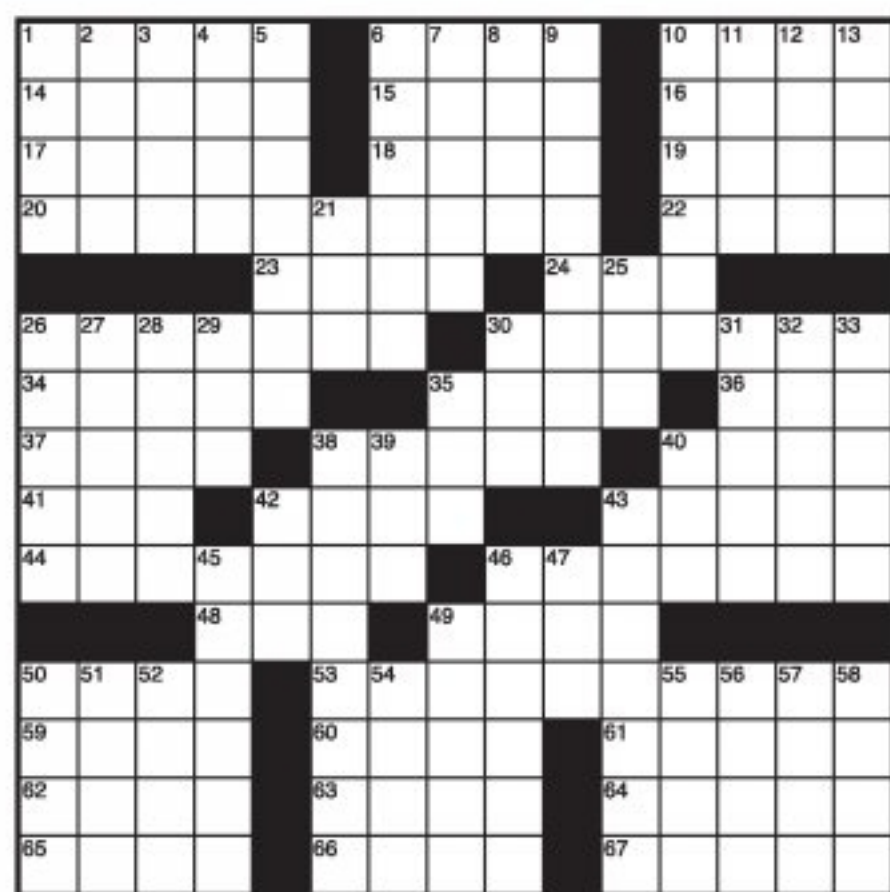
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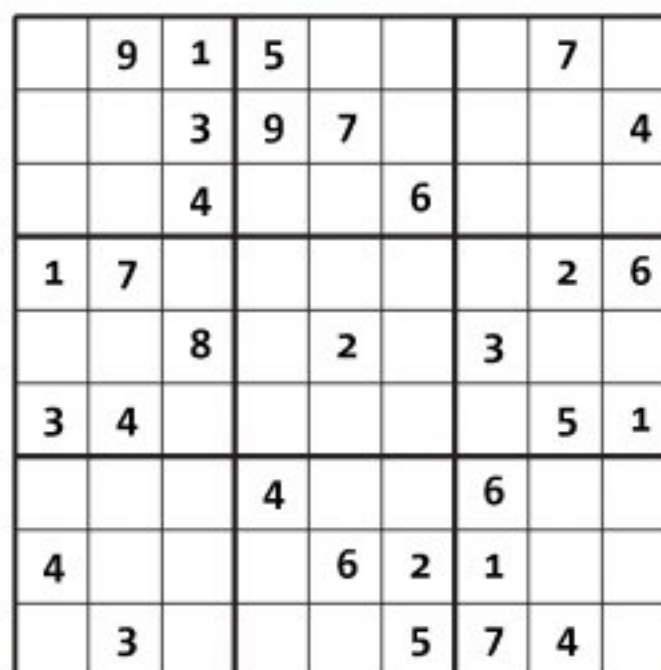
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No return time yet for bearded Woods

► Unsure when he'll be back on the Tour ► Spending his days rehabbing
► Says he won't play in July's British Open unless he has a chance to win

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► Woods seemed in a good mood when he addressed the press at Aronimink Golf Club in suburban Philly yesterday.

A reason for the change?

While it's not up to the level of Walt Frazier's mutton chops, there might be a grand purpose behind Tiger Woods' new look, according to one commentator.

"There's a theory out there that suggests that men who usually don't wear beards grow them when they want to reflect an inner change on the outside," Nicholas Carlson wrote on the Business Insider website. "Maybe the beard means Tiger has come to terms with himself and is ready to give young Rory McIlroy a run for his money."

Good day, bad day



Good day

The U.S. women's national soccer team opened the World Cup on the right foot, beating North Korea, 2-0.

It took the Americans 54 minutes to break through, when Lauren Cheney beat DPRK keeper Hong Myong Hui.



Bad day

Talk about a buzzkill. Just weeks after winning the Stanley Cup, Bruins captain Zdeno Chara will meet with Montreal police over his March 8 hit on Habs F Max Pacioretty.

Authorities are deciding whether to press charges against the B's D-man.

Tiger Woods walked into Aronimink Golf Club in suburban Philadelphia yesterday sporting a full-on beard and mustache. Either he forgot to shave, or he was sending a message: Even hurt, he's still the man on the PGA Tour.

Woods was at the course for the first day of the

AT&T National, which benefits his foundation. Even before reporters had a chance to ask about his balky knee and ankle, the golfer opened by laughing and saying, "I'm feeling good; just had lunch."

No one asked what he ate. All the questions were about one thing: When is Woods returning to Tour? "There's no timetable," Woods said. "That's hard for me. I've always been very goal-oriented about when I'm going to peak, how I'm going to get ready,

how my practice schedule is going to be. And I'm not doing that this time."

Woods said he came

back too soon at The Players, and wouldn't make that mistake again. While he admitted to some

leisurely putting, Woods hasn't teed it up and hit it for real. Instead, he's been rehabbing in the gym and watching cartoons with his kids. (For the record, he's sick of the "Dora the Explorer" theme song.)

If there was a goal, which Woods repeatedly said there is not, it would be the British Open in two weeks. But he won't enter unless he's 100 percent.

"I won't go over there to just show up," Woods said.



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Beard reaction



The Twitter-verse certainly noticed Woods' new look yesterday.

► @TM_Damo

Just seen Tiger Woods with a beard on Sky Sports News. His look now matches his reputation! #dirtyboy

► @JasonSobelGC

Wheels churning in Ponte Vedra Beach headquarters already. Tiger Woods' facial hair? It's a playoff beard! FedExCup right around the corner!

Woods: 'Cool' to see Rory dominate



► McIlroy, beardless

Tiger Woods watched Rory McIlroy dismantle the field at the U.S. Open in the same way we all did.

In awe.

Woods said yesterday that it was "cool" to see the 22-year-old stay aggressive, even with such a massive

lead in the tournament.

"That was seriously good playing," Woods said. "That's what's fun, when you have a lead and keep building it."

Then Woods took it a step further, saying he agreed with Mark O'Meara.

Woods' longtime friend commented that McIlroy has a better swing than Woods did at the same age.

"I felt like at the same age, yeah, his swing is definitely better than mine was," Woods said.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO KEVIN MAAS?

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My best July Fourth sports memory goes back to 1990. I was doing what seventh-graders do in the summer: Riding my bicycle (Huffy, nothing flashy), go to the pool, travel with my soccer team, have sleepovers where we'd play Nintendo until 3 in the morning, devour baseball games (we kept fantasy baseball stats manually) and go to the movies every weekend.

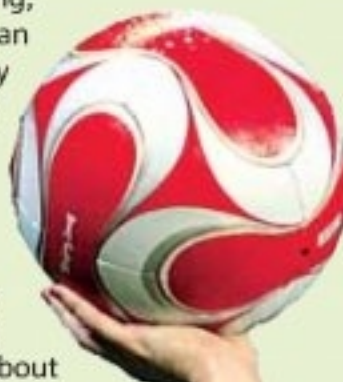
This July Fourth sticks out not because of our use of illegal fireworks, but because of what happened afterward. I remember turning on the TV to see my Yankees getting pounded by the Royals. The Yanks were 20 games under .500 and a disaster, but a young slugger named Kevin Maas had been called up from the minors. That night, Maas launched his first major-league homer into the Kansas City night.

Maas had a unique batting stance, and I instantly became a huge fan. I had just seen his first major league homer! I pestered my parents to take me to the baseball card store, where I attempted to gobble up his rookie



Random thoughts

- ▶ You'll probably avoid "Transformers 3." When you're bombarded by ads for the blockbuster, remember what Shia LaBeouf told Details Magazine about hooking up with Megan Fox: "The time I spent with Megan was our own thing, and I think you can see the chemistry onscreen." Does anyone actually believe this?
- ▶ If the topic of women's soccer comes up ... and the question is about Alex Morgan, Heather Mitts or Hope Solo? I'm going with Heather Mitts.
- ▶ Why Twitter rules. Darnell Dockett live-tweeted his traffic stop Monday. Police wanted to search his car, he said no and the police kept him by the side of the road for an hour. You know what event in the last 20 years I wish Twitter had been around for? The time Charles Barkley threw a man through a glass window at a bar.



card (Topps Traded, current value: less than a cent on Amazon). He went on to wallop eight homers in July, then eight more in August — and was easily the lone bright spot in an otherwise dismal season.

When the Yankees came to Baltimore in August, I begged my parents to get tickets. We arrived at the ballpark early enough to run down to the front row and score autographs. I targeted Maas first and got him to sign a piece of paper, which I still cherish.

In sports, however, fandom is fleeting. Pitchers soon figured out Maas and his hack-first style at the plate. He hit 23 homers the next year, but struck out 128 times. His playing time was reduced in 1992 and he only appeared in 59 games in 1993 — and that would be his last year in pinstripes.

— Jason Raj McIntyre covers athletes off the field and runs *The Big Lead.com*.

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Brewers ace leading on, off the diamond

On TV today

Brewers at Yankees, 7:05 p.m. (YES)

Not only are the Brewers seeing glimpses of Zack Greinke's pitching talents, teammates are seeing a more outgoing personality.

Since Greinke's first home start back on May 9, the Brewers have the best record in the NL and second-best in the majors. By going 30-15 entering last night's game, Milwaukee has gone from being five games out to being three games up in the NL Central — and that's with Greinke not even dominating like he did in his Cy Young campaign of 2009.

"It was like making a huge trade deadline acquisition," Ryan Braun said. "It is his presence that has made as much a difference.

You know the night he pitches he's going to save your bullpen."

Greinke missed the first month with a fractured left rib suffered in a pickup basketball game. He pitched only four innings in his season debut. Since then, his recent starts have mostly been a slam dunk for the Brewers, as he has pitched at least six innings in four of his last six outings — with double-digit strikeouts in three of them.

"I think he's been pretty good; he's been pretty solid; he's been pretty consistent," Braun said. "He's obviously a perfectionist, and he knows he can do better but he's pretty darn good."

On nights when others are pitching, Greinke can be seen cracking jokes in the dugout.

"He's very witty, very in-

telligent and I think he's really comfortable with us, so I think we've really gotten a chance to see his personality," Braun said.

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▶ Greinke entered last night's start with a 7-2 record.

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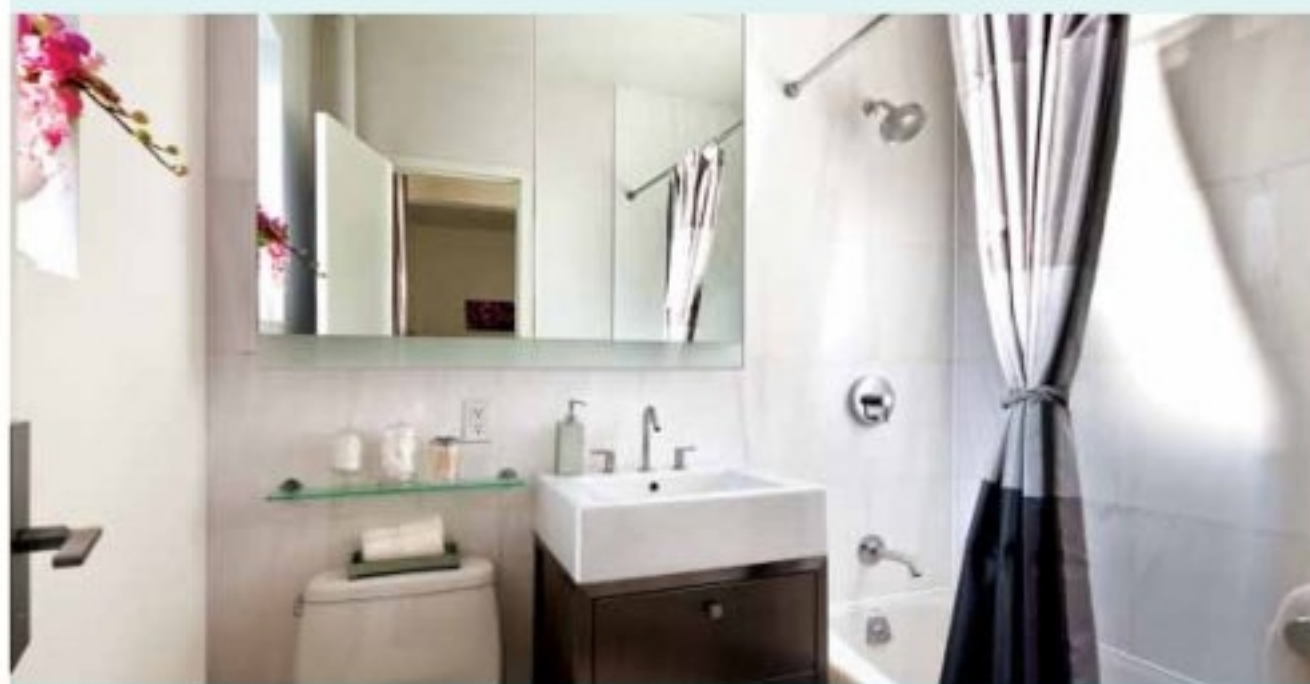
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